

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010***

***Present: Selectmen Rosanne Gilbert and Michael Woodworth. Wes Moore joined the meeting at 5:30 pm. Others present included: Clay Mitchell, Diana Toth, Brian Knipstein, Sue McKinnon, and Kathy Bailey.***

***Call to order: 5:03pm***

The following items were signed: checks, Timber Tax Levy (2), Yield Tax Bills (2), Notice of Intent to Cut (2), NHRS contribution letter, and the FEMA Project Completion notice.

Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting as written. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

A Conservation Easement was discussed. Wes will take the lead on this and report back to the other Selectmen.

Clay is waiting until next year to officially change the name of his company. His renewal contract will be issued with the new name.

Clay may the following reports:

- Main Street Art is coming back to the Planning Board to ask for changes in use.
- Vienneau is close to closing on the easement on his property.
- No Planning Board Application has been received for the corner of Main Street and Route 108.
- There is no news to report on the Garvey site.

Newmarket filed with the NHDES for water withdrawal in Newfields from two new wells in Newmarket.

Clay gave an update on Safe Routes to School. He will work with the new principal and parents groups, send out a survey to parents, and hold a safety hearing. Currently the federal government will pay 80% of the cost of the sidewalk project and Newfields would pay 20%. There are enough funds in the sidewalk fund to pay the 20% required.

Diana Toth spoke to the Selectmen about the Historical Society. There has been a lack of interest in joining the Society and Diana would like to turn everything over to the Town. The Selectmen would like to try for volunteers one more time before the Society folds. Rosanne suggested that Diana speak with Library Trustee Kim Crisp about utilizing the Society space in the lower level of the library. The Society paid for renovations to the space and has shelves and file cabinets available there.

Brian Knipstein spoke with the Selectmen about a resident not paying an invoice for services rendered. Wes will speak with the resident.

An extension of a letter of credit was received on the Scanlon Way/Heath Drive project.

The flagpole in front of the Town Hall was discussed.

Brian advised that the sidewalk repairs will cost \$7,200.00. The Selectmen gave him permission to do the work and the funds will come out of the sidewalk fund.

No additional bids were received to replace the sewer pipe at the Town Hall, so Brian will take care of it.

Paving costs are very reasonable right now, so an additional 3,000 feet of Old Lee Road was paved.

Wes brought the other Selectmen up to date on the Police Department Facilities Expansion Project Committee.

The second reading to accept the handicap parking spot at Main Street Art took place.

The polling hours were discussed as residents asked if they could be extended. Sue agreed to change the hours from 7:00am to 7:00pm for the November election as a trial.

Sue informed the Selectmen that there will be fewer elections next year, so the budget for this line will be decreased in 2011.

Sue is looking into on-line vehicle registrations and dog licenses. She also met with bank officials about accepting credit card payments for taxes. She will keep the Selectmen informed.

Discussions on the cupola and the personnel matter have been postponed.

The Minimum Impact Expedited Application from the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire was reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer  
Administrative Assistant